the last 3 years for tyre and non tyre indu stry has been as under:

(Figures in tons)

Year	Natural Rubber			Synthetic Rubber		
	Tyre Sector	Non-Tyre Sector	Total	Tyre Sector	Non-Tyre Sector	Total
1982-83	105550	89995	195545	30462	19138	49600
1983-84	114447	95033	209480	34766	20259	55025
1984-85	113944	103566	217510	36224	22071	58295

(b) The international price both for natural as well as synthetic rubber is lower then the indigenous price and as such indigenous manufacturers are getting higher price than their foreign counterparts.

Winding up sick public sector undertaking

2717. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to wiad up 3 public sector undertaknigs;

(b) if so, whether the projects are the Engineering Projects India Limited, Hindustan Steel Works Construction Limited and Cycle Corporation of India Limited;

(c) if so, whether Government have drawn up plans for alternative measures like amalgamation or merger or outright takeover by private sector companies;

(d) if so, the main reasons thereof; and

(e) what are the alternative plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No decision has been taken by the Government in this regard.

(b) to (e) In view of reply to part(a) above, do not arise.

COMMISSION ON PETROL, DIESEL AND LUBE OIL

2718. SHRI KISHOR MEHTA: SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a demand by the All India Petrol Dealers' Association for more commission on petrol, Diesel and Lube Oil;

(b) what was the dealers' commission on Lube Oil in terms of percentage to cost of product in 1975 and what is the commission now;

(c) whether there is a demand by the dealers to charge for air provided to vehicles as the cost of maintenance of compressors and electricity charges have become quite steep; and

(d) whether Government are thinking of providing relief to the Petrol dealers in any manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The existing dealers' commission on lube oil works out to about 10 percent of the cost while before 1975 the dealer was permitted to charge upto 20 per cent of the cost as commission.